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(a) whether it is a fact that due to a number of upcoming industrialization projects across the country the Schedule V areas are under threat of evacuations;

(b) if so, the details of evacuations, State-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether Government are taking up this matter with the respective State Governments; and

(d) if not, whether Government, in view of the severity of the issue, are considering to take up this matter with the respective Governments?

. THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Tribal culture and languages in the country

3477. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to codify the details of tribal culture and their languages in the country,

(b) whether any State Government had ever done this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details of Tribal Culture and their language

- (1) AAJVS (Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti) in Port Blair has collaborated with Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore and studies the languages of the tribes like the Onges, Andamanese, Shompens, Jarawas and Nicobarese and handbooks and primers have been published;

- (2) Government of Nagaland through its Directorate of Education and other Institutes for tribal studies and in collaboration with CIIL has studied the different Naga languages and published school primers and literacy primers in almost all major Naga languages;
- (3) CIIL has collaborated with the State Resource Centre, Karnataka (at Mysore) and published literacy primers in Jenu Kuruba tribal language and has also published Lambani Bilingual literacy primers. CIIL on its own has studied the tribal languages Jenu Kuruba and Beta Kuruba spoken in Karnataka and has brought out school primers, a series of video tapes on Jenu Kuruba culture, festivals, rituals and folklore. Dictionaries for these languages have been compiled. Texts on local knowledge systems, folk medicines and mythology have been collected;
- (4) State Resource Centre, Kerala (at Trivandrum) has collaborated with CIIL to produce Paniya-Malayalam bilingual literacy primer - (unpublished but used in the field by literacy Practitioners). Dravidian Linguistics Association (DLA) headquartered at Trivandrum and the Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala have been working on several tribal languages of Kerala (and other Dravidian tribal languages in other States) for describing the structure of these languages;
- (5) in Tamil Nadu, the Tribal Research Centre at Ooty has been working on the culture and languages of the Nilgiri tribal communities.
- (6) In Andhra Pradesh, the Tribal Cultural Research and Training Institute (TCR&TI) at Hyderabad has taken up fundamental and applied studies on Tribal Culture for the last 40 years. These studies were published and preserved along with studies conducted by Professors of Indian and Foreign Universities and Heads of Research Institutions on Tribes of Andhra Pradesh. TCR&TI has a rich collection on ethnography of Schedule Tribes of India in general and Andhra Pradesh in particular;
- (7) In Jharkhand, the Tribal Research Institute at Ranchi has been working on the culture and languages of Central India in general and Jharkhand in particular. They have published several

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handbooks, dictionaries and primers in the tribal languages like Kurukh, Mundari, Sadri, Santali, Ho etc. Department of Tribal Languages, Ranchi University has also been augmenting the work on tribal languages. Ranchi University also has a museum exhibiting - the articles of tribal interest representing the entire Central Indian region;

- (8) In Madhya Pradesh, the Tribal Research and Development Institute at Bhopal has been working on the culture and languages of different tribal communities. In collaboration with CIIL, a Ghondi-Hindi biliteracy primer was prepared (unpublished but used in the field by literacy practitioners). This institute has two tribal interest museums, one at Bhopal and another at Chhindwara;
- (9) In Himachal Pradesh, the Himachal Academy of Arts, Culture and Language and the Directorate of Languages have been, working on the culture and languages of many tribal communities and CIIL has conducted training programmes and collaborative programmes for language development with these organizations.

Legislation for rights in land to forest dwelling STs

3478. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have proposed to enact a legislation to vest rights in land under forest and minor forest produce to forest dwelling STs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to simplify the system to identifying pre-1980 tribal forest settlers by involving local panchayats; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Parliament has enacted the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in the Winter Session of Parliament, 2006 which has since received the